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THE Author of these Observations professing himself entirely devoted to the Person and Interest of his Electoral Highness, and that of his Illustrious House; and more especially so, as his Electoral Highness stands related to these Kingdoms of *Britain* and *Ireland*, by Virtue of his Right to the Succession, as it stands limited by the Authority of Parliament; it is impossible any thing should willingly be contain'd in this, which should be any way prejudicial to his Highness, much less shall any Disrespect, Reflection, or Indecency to his Highness, or his Ambassador presenting his said Memorial, be expressed in these Sheets.

But his Highness will allow a faithful Subject to Her present Majesty, by whom and to whom his Highness acknowledges himself so much honour'd and obliged, to be willing to clear up by modest and respectful Observations any thing in the said Memorial, which however otherwise intended by his Highness,

may be construed by some Parties and disaffected Persons, to reflect upon her Majesty's Conduct, and which may be improv'd as such, by the Enemies of her Majesty's Person and Government.

These Observations therefore being design'd rather to obviate the Objections, and to answer the weak Inferences some People draw from the said Memorial, than to make any Remark to the Disadvantage of his Electoral Highness: The Author humbly hopes his Electoral Highness will *accept in that Sense, and in that Intention*, any thing that he may think displeasing to him in these Observations; which, however well-design'd by the Author, may be represented otherwise to his Highness, than as is above expressed; humbly assuring his Electoral Highness, that no Person in *Britain* is more sincerely and honestly affected to his Interest; or promises and expects more Happiness to these Islands, in the just, lasting and glorious Enjoyment of these Crowns; as well by his Highness in Person, as by his Illustrious Posterity, than the humble Author of these Observations.

And that according to this sincere Profession of Respect to his Electoral Highness, these Observations may be made truly useful to his Interest; This Author thinks it necessary to obviate a gross Mistake, and indeed very disrespectful to his Electoral Highness, which People are very willing to have us run into,
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upon the general Scope of the said Memorial.

It cannot without the greatest Indignity and meanest Thoughts imaginable, nor even without the utmost Breach of Respect to his Electoral Highness, be suggested, That whereas in the second Paragraph of the said Memorial, his Electoral Highness expresses himself *more concern'd for the Glory and Interest of her present Majesty, than any Person in the World; and that he desires her Majesty would accept in that Sense, and in that Intention, what he has order'd his said Minister to represent in this Memorial;* That at the same time the said Memorial could be written with a Thought of engaging a Party of Men among her Majesty's Subjects, to build thereupon any undutiful Practices to her Majesty's just and prudent Measures, in order to promote the Peace and Happiness of her People.

For this Reason the Author of these Observations, however he may not be inclin'd to doubt, that the Paper publish'd in the *Daily Courant*, is not the genuine Transcript of the Memorial of his Electoral Highness; yet he cannot entertain a Belief that his Electoral Highness gave any Order, or so much as his Consent to have the same made publick as a Pamphlet, which is often esteem'd here as an Appeal to the People, as if his Electoral Highness had any Thought of summoning the Judgment of her Majesty's Subjects, between

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Royal Person and his Highness, or could stoop so low, as to seek the popular Opinion of the People of *Great Britain*, in his giving to her Majesty any Sentiments of his about the present Affairs.

This, as a Thought inconsistent with the Respect profess'd in the beginning of this Tract, to the Person and Character of his Electoral Highness, shall not be so much as suggested by this Author; and therefore he desires rather to believe, either that the said Minister signing the said Memorial, has consented to the said Publication, without the Knowledge or Order of his Electoral Highness his Master, and without any Instructions from him, which we make no doubt he will answer for to his Electoral Highness his said Master; or, *which we would much rather should be true*, that some Person coming to a sight of the said Memorial, without the Privy, Order, Assent, or Consent of the said Minister, has caused the same to be printed or published, with an evil Design to raise popular Discontents among her Majesty's Subjects, from the various Constructions, which disaffected Persons may make of the same.

The Author hereof does not in Consequence of this, any ways grant the said Memorial, Printed as above, can in its own Nature raise any such popular Discontent or Prejudice among her Majesty's Subjects, much less does he suggest, that either his Electoral Highness, or his
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said Minister, would entertain any Desires or Design, that it should do so; and therefore such Observations as may justly be made thereon, respect only the said Misrepresentations, which disaffected Persons may study to make of the said Memorial, in Order if possible to lay a Foundation of Dissatisfaction and Misunderstanding between Her Majesty and Her own People; and between Her Majesty and his Electoral Highness; and sow Jealousies and Divisions between the Allies, to the Prejudice of the common Interest.

The Author of this is willing to believe, that this will be an acceptable piece of Service to his Electoral Highness, who as he cannot (without very injurious Treatment) be supposed to be any way concern'd in the Publication of the said *Memorial*; so it cannot be unacceptable to his Highness, who is so unfeignedly concern'd *for the Glory and Interest of Her Majesty*, to see the Ends and wicked Designs of those Men disappointed in the said Publication, who are apparent Enemies both of that *Glory and Interest*, which his Electoral Highness appears so much and so justly concern'd for.

To this purpose, whereas in the third Paragraph his Electoral Highness is pleased to give his Opinion, *That positive Declarations and real Securities are needful, in order to a Treaty of Peace.* Those People must certainly mistake his Electoral Highnesses Meaning, who would suggest

suggest therefore, That her Majesty proposes to accept of *general and indefinite Terms* in a Treaty, without *real Securities*; but if her Majesty has taken the King of *France's* Assurance of his being sincerely desirous of Peace, and his Resolution of giving all the Allies reasonable Satisfaction at a Treaty, to be sufficient Ground to invite all the Allies to such a Treaty, that Profession of giving reasonable Satisfaction, seems to be *a positive Declaration* on the part of the King of *France*, that every one of the Allies shall find their real Security in such a Treaty.

Nor can her Majesty be supposed to act without *real Securities* in this Case, since the perfect Union between the Allies, which her Majesty has been so zealous to cultivate, that She has not suffered several Infractions and Non-performances of Conditions on their Part to prevent, and which has been the happy Means (under God) by which the *French* have been reduced to the Necessity of complying with such and so many Demands, is acknowledg'd by his Electoral Highness in the said *Memorial*, to be *a real and the only Security* in all their Proceedings: And as it is acknowledg'd, that this Union is our Security after a Treaty, so it cannot be doubted, but the same Union will be sufficient Security before, and during a Treaty, without the previous delivering of Towns, which will not be the farther off from being obtain'd by a Treaty, the

the same Necessity of the Enemy, and the same Union of the Allies then pressing him to finish, as now moves him to Commence a Treaty.

We cannot think that his Electoral Highness would have her Majesty's Subjects believe, that the Peace shall be made in such a manner, as that *Great-Britain cannot be in Safety, or maintain itself in a quiet and flourishing Condition*; that his Electoral Highness can suggest, that nothing is to be enter'd upon in a general Treaty, but what is contain'd in the 7 Proposals that *France* gave in, as the Ground, whereupon to desire her Majesty to grant such a Treaty.

When his Electoral Highness is pleas'd to declare, that *it is not doubted that her Britannick Majesty proposes to act in this whole Affair, Jointly, and in Concert with her Allies*; It cannot be suppos'd, without Rudeness to his Electoral Highness, that he would have the People of *Great-Britain* to doubt of it, when his Electoral Highness says in the same Paragraph, that *to banish all distrust, it would be necessary there should be no Secret Negotiation, which might give Ground for Suspicion, that any of the Allies might make their own Treaty separately*; we cannot, without great Disrespect imagine, that his Electoral Highness suggests any *secret Negotiations*, or separate Treaties are carried on by her Majesty, or that there are any just Grounds of Suspicion on that Account; his

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Highness having just before declar'd, that her Majesty's *acting Jointly and in Concert with all her Allies is not at all doubted* : This Suggestion therefore of *Secret Negotiations*, must be wholly owing to the Misrepresentations and false Constructions, which others put upon that part of his Electoral Highness's said Memorial, which however, we may wish it had been more clearly express'd, to prevent the said Misrepresentations of a restless Party among us ; yet all the seeming Contradictions therein, are perfectly Reconcil'd, by *that great Concern, more than any one in the World,* which his said Highness has, *for her Majesty's Glory and Interest*, which without dispute, would not allow his Highness to suspect her Majesty of any *Secret Negotiations with France* ; more especially also when it is to be consider'd that her Majesty had acquainted the Allies with all her Proceedings, and as soon as the King of *France* had deliver'd in Proposals for a Treaty, had immediately Communicated 'em to the Ministers of the Allies, and to his Electoral Highness (*his late Envoy being dead*, and his present Envoy employ'd half the Year in *Holland*) by a Minister of her own.

It is not in the least suppos'd here, that his Electoral Highness would have any one believe, that the bare receiving Proposals from *France* towards a Treaty, could be construed as a *Secret Negotiation*, especially those Proposals being Communicated to the rest of the Allies ;

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ies ; since any of the Allies were at Liberty to have acted in the same manner ; and some of the Allies have done the like (and something more) without ever being Tax'd by her *Britannick* Majesty with any *Secret Negotiations*, or with giving Ground of any Suspicion, that any *Separate Treaty* was design'd ; and this more especially was sufficiently secur'd against, by her Majesty's having declar'd herself in favour of a General Treaty, and that she resolv'd to proceed there, in full Concert with the Allies ; nor can it be suggested, (without very great disrespect to her Majesty) that after such Declaration, her Majesty would carry on a *Separate Treaty* with *France* ; especially seeing what his Electoral Highness has been thoroughly acquainted with, *viz.* That the Queen's Ministers here, and also the Earl of *Strafford* at the *Hague*, have publicly and solemnly declar'd in her Majesty's Name, that she had Engag'd in *no Separate Treaty* with *France* ; and that it may be boldly and truly Asserted, that whatever Obligations *France* may be under to the Queen of *Great Britain*, yet that her Majesty is under none at all to *France*.

It might seem very Rational to suppose, after such solemn and publick Declaration, as aforesaid, that his Electoral Highness, as well as the other Allies, had been fully satisfied of her Majesty's sincere Intentions, and that her Majesty was incapable of taking a Step so in-

congruous to the rest of her Glorious Actions, and therefore we are not willing to suppose, that his Electoral Highness could desire, by his said Memorial, to give any Ground of Suspicion, that her Majesty was enter'd into any such Separate Treaty.

Her Majesty cannot but be well pleased to have it immediately from his Electoral Highness's Hand, as in the fifth Paragraph, *that all the Allies will gladly concur to conclude the Peace, provided they may have their Security in it*; and as her Majesty has no Design to conclude any Peace, unless all her said Allies can *have their Security in it*, 'tis humbly conceiv'd none with Justice, can suggest any Danger from a general Negotiation, in order to determine of those Securities which *France* shall offer, whether they shall be Sufficient and Satisfactory or no; and as his Electoral Highness has (as before) declar'd, *that there is no doubt but her Majesty proposes to act in this whole Affair, Jointly, and in Concert with the said Allies*; those People must be guilty of great Disrespect to his Electoral Highness, as well as Undutifulness to her present Majesty, who endeavour to represent this Paragraph so, as if his Electoral Highness should think it possible, That *France*, by her Dexterity, could dazzle the Eyes of her Britanick Majesty, so, as to induce her to accept of some Advantages so much to the Prejudice of the other Allies, as that the Jealousies thence arising, should be an Obstacle to their Union for the future.

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Wherefore, as his *Electoral Highness* ought in Justice, to have the Explanation of his own Meaning in every Thing which he thinks fit to say ; the Author of this shall by no means suggest, that this points at her Majesty ; but rather that by the Words, *one of the Maritime Powers*, express'd in the said Memorial, is to be necessarily understood *the States of Holland*, unless his Electoral Highness shall think fit farther to explain himself upon that Head ; and the Reasons for this to us, are, *first*, Our Deference and just Respect to his *Electoral Highness's* precedent Words, *viz. That it is not doubted, but her Majesty proposes to act in this whole Affair, Jointly, and in Concert with her Allies*, which we humbly conceive could not be, if her Royal Judgment was *dazled by the Dexterity of France* ; and, *secondly*, Our just regard to the Veracity, Honour and Zeal of her present Majesty, Who, in all the Courses of this Chargeable and Hazardous War, has shewn so steady a Resolution to reduce the Exorbitance of *France*, and has so Vigorously Supported the whole Alliance, even while several of those Allies (which may now be backward to this Treaty) have not perform'd what her Majesty had Reason to expect from them ; that it would seem not only Unjust and Undutiful in her Subjects, but Unkind, and something like Ingrate, in any of those Allies, to entertain any such Jealousies of her Majesty, and of her Proceeding in this Affair of a Treaty.

ty. We are unwilling to enforce this with another Argument, tho' the Truth thereof may not be unknown to his *Electoral Highness*; viz. That several of those very Allies, who would now seem to apprehend a Separate Treaty with *France*, on the part of her Majesty, have often Threatned to make the very same Step themselves, on no greater a Provocation, than being earnestly press'd by her Majesty to do their parts in the War, and to perform the several Conventions enter'd into by them for that purpose, and sometimes for Reasons of far less Moment than these.

Her Majesty cannot but be well pleas'd, to understand from his *Electoral Highness*, that the Imperial Court never form'd such Designs as have been imputed to them, viz. *Of entering into Secret Negotiations to the Prejudice of her Majesty and her Kingdoms*; and it cannot be doubted, but her Majesty will be glad to hear the *Sentiments of the New Emperor, as well on this Affair, as on that of Spain*; but it must be own'd, that the sudden Resolution of his Imperial Majesty, (even before her Majesty's Reasons and Measures were laid before him) against coming to any Treaty with *France*, or sending his Ministers to the said Treaty, (notwithstanding her Majesty and the rest of her Allies, had Concerted and Agreed the same) requires some farther Explanation, at least to the Apprehension of her Majesty's Subjects without Doors, who having been made acquainted

quainted with it, and being very sensible of the infinite Obligations his said Imperial Majesty has acknowledg'd himself to be under to her Majesty, for his Support and Supply for the carrying on his Pretensions to the Crown of *Spain*, in which his Majesty has not been backward to give her *Britannick Majesty* the just Appellation of MOTHER, from her Maternal Tendernefs and Concern for his Interest, must be very much surpriz'd to hear his Imperial Majesty speak in so different a Stile, and with so much less Respect, now he is Advanced to a higher Station, as to them he seems to do, in his Letters to the Electoral Princes; and in particular, in his Letter to the *States of Holland*, and in his Resolutions to deny her Majesty's first Motion to him of that kind; especially a Motion so Just and Reasonable, as to meet by his Plenipotentiaries at a General Congress of the Allies; to see, if possible, a happy End upon good and safe Conditions may be put to a War, which has so long afflicted all these Parts of *Europe*, and her Majesty's Dominions in particular; and her Majesty's faithful Subjects cannot be of the Opinion, that an equal Return of Affection and Concern, is made in that Case to her Majesty.

And they will be the farther confirm'd in their Opinion aforesaid, if it should appear true, as has been Reported, and as they have great Reason to believe, that his Imperial Majesty on the bare Proposal of a Congress,
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RASH enough to say (with Pardon for the Expression) to Mr. *Chetwynd*, who went A-board the Fleet to Compliment him on his Arrival in *Italy*, Words to the following purpose, *viz.*

“ That if the Queen proceeded in this manner, he should be oblig’d to take Care
 “ of himself, and that the other Allies
 “ would do the same after his Example.

The Author of this cannot suggest, as some People take the Liberty to do, that in the 7th and 8th Paragraphs of the said Memorial, his Electoral Highness can be suppos’d to speak of the giving up *Spain* and the *Indies* to the House of *Bourbon*, as a *Thing Concerted* between her *Britannick Majesty* and the King of *France*; which ’tis humbly conceiv’d, would be to charge her Majesty with having already made a *Separate Treaty*, as aforesaid; which his Highness has done her Majesty that Justice before, as to say he is Satisfy’d about, *and that her Majesty will act jointly and in Concert with her Allies in all this Affair*: Wherefore we are willing to believe, that all the Arguments used in those 7th and 8th Paragraphs, are to be understood rather to press her Majesty not to Consent to any such Thing as a Treaty, than to suggest, (as some undutifully to her Majesty, and disrespectfully to his Electoral Highness, understand it) that her Majesty has already
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agreed with *France*, to yield up to the Duke of *Anjou* the Possession of *Spain* and the *Indies*.

And though his Electoral Highnesses Words were capable of such sinister Constructions, as its humbly presumed they are not, yet the Proceedings of her Majesty and her Parliament, in several of the Publick Affairs, and particularly of an Incorporation, to carry on a very great Trade, and with a Capital Stock to several Parts of the Continent of *America*, render such a Construction inconsistent with Reason; and as the whole Series of her Majesties Conduct has had another Aspect; 'Tis humbly conceiv'd, That these Constructions are highly injurious to her Majesty, and also to his *Electoral Highness*, whose extraordinary Concern for *Her Majesties Glory*, cannot in our Opinion, allow him to be capable of such meaning therein, at least our Duty to his *Electoral Highness*, obliges us to conclude so, till we shall have the happiness to see his *Highnesses* own Explanation, in an Affair so nice, and of so great Moment to this whole Kingdom.

The Cause inserted in the latter end of the Eighth Paragraph, relating to the *French Kings* attempting to set the *Pretender* on the Throne of *Great Britain*, is no Question well worthy every *British* Protestants notice, and the Author of these Sheets acknowledges what

his Electoral Highness mentions there to be of great Moment in this Argument, *viz.* That his Electoral Highness is too nearly interested and concerned therein to look on the same with indifference, but as Her Majesty has profess'd in her Speech to the present Parliament, to have nothing more at Heart, Than that the Protestant Religion, and the Laws and Liberties of these Nations may be continued by securing the Succession to the Crown, as it is limited by Parliament to the House of Hannover. And that Her Majesty at the same time presses the Treaty as above; it seems to us that Her Majesty has not the same apprehension of this Matter with his Electoral Highness, *viz.* That it's certain the French King, will not only endeavour to place the said Pretender on the said Throne of Great Britain, but will accomplish it; Whereas Her Majesty has given us good Reason to hope, That the present Prospect of Peace, which is now before us, is the best, if not the only Means to prevent the said setting up the Pretender, principally as it may give some respite or breathing time to these Nations, before they are quite exhausted, and before they are disabled effectually from making the necessary Efforts to prevent it: And we humbly hope, His Electoral Highness will not be displeased, if the People of Great Britain, (their Judgments and Experience of things also concurring)

ring) prefer their Opinion of their own *QUEEN*, to any other Judgment which shall be passed thereupon.

The most Faithful Friends to the Interest of Her Majesty's Government, are also on all Occasions found to be the most faithful Friends of, and most steady to adhere to the Interest and Right of the Succession, settled upon his Electoral Highness and his Family : And we cannot, without dishonouring the Bounty and Goodness of Almighty God, doubt in the least, but that if ever the *French King* shall think fit to make any Breach of Faith after the present Treaty, he may yet find himself disappointed in his Expectations of Advantage over us ; nor can we be so ready to despair in this Case, as to say with his Electoral Highness, That the *French King* will not only endeavour to place *his Creature on the British Throne, but also that he will accomplish it* : We doubt not, but by the Blessing of God, and the Zeal, Loyalty and Valour of Her Majesty's Subjects, the People of *Great Britain* will always be able, as it is certain they are firmly resolved with the hazard of their Lives, to support and maintain Her Majesty's Person on the Throne of these Kingdoms ; nor can they terrifie themselves with such Dismal Apprehensions of the *French Power* in such Case, the Naval Strength, as well as the unanimous Aversion of the People
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of *Britain to Popery* and *French Government* being consider'd; and they are the more encourag'd to this from the Confidence they have, That Her Majesty should in such Case be powerfully assisted by his Electoral Highness himself, and all his Interest, whose Consummate Experience, Personal Valour, and extraordinary Conduct, have been so well known to the World, and who is *too nearly concern'd in our Safety*, to sit still and see us over-run by the *French*.

The People of *England* will doubtless join with his Electoral Highness, in his Observation of *the Danger to the Queen's Person, and what would become of the Liberty of Great Britain, under a Master educated in the Maxims of France, and under the hatred of the best Englishmen, who have abjur'd him according to the Law, and that there would be an end of the Liberty of all Europe, and of the Protestant Religion*. And they humbly hope their sincere Love to their most Gracious Sovereign, as well as Native Zeal for their own Liberties, and the Protestant Religion, which has on all Occasions been so signally exerted, shall render all Admonitions of that kind the less needful, when they reflect on the late happy Revolution, when they had a Popish Prince actually on the Throne, supported by a great Defection among the People, a Popish Standing Army in the Bowels of the Kingdom,

dom, back'd by another in *Ireland*, and all supported by the same *French* King, whose Wealth and Strength unbroken and unexhausted, was much more formidable than it can be now; yet that even then, the People of this Nation, with the Assistance of the then Prince of *Orange*, and but a small Body of Troops, overthrew all the Plots and Designs of Papists and Tyrants, against our Religion and Liberty, and pull'd down K. *James* from his Arbitrary Throne, exalting their Deliverer in his Room: In like manner assisted by his Electoral Highness as aforesaid, having a Protestant Queen upon the Throne, the same Liberty and Religion to defend, they doubt not but by the Blessing of God, to maintain those Liberties, and that Religion, and their Protestant Queen, tho' the Power of *France* were much greater than is here suggested.

Not his Electoral Highness only, but her Majesty, her Parliament, and all her People are fully convinc'd, that whatever Advances may be made towards a Treaty of Peace by her Majesty and her Allies, yet that it is absolutely necessary, *not to be remiss in the Preparations for the ensuing Campaign, seeing France on her part is already doing the like.* And this is so evinc'd by her Majesty's Speech to the Parliament, and by the House of Commons most Extraordinary Address, that there is no more need to say any thing to that Point than
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there seem'd to have been for his Electoral Highness to have mention'd it to a Court, which he found in so ready a Posture for it, and so much forwarder than all the rest of the Allies; the Arguments his Highness is pleas'd to make use of to prevent a Cessation of Arms, are also so good, that there can be room for no Observation upon them, this only excepted, *viz.* That perhaps there was no room for such a Caution, where it was so apparent, that no such thing could (without manifest Disregard of the publick Good) be so much as thought tolerable in the World.

The happy Success and continu'd Endeavours of her Majesty, thro' the whole Series of the War, in the great and essential Work of keeping the Allies firmly united together, seems to ease his Electoral Highness of some part of the Trouble taken in this Memorial, *viz.* To move her Majesty to such a Unity, more especially since that Union had long e'er now been dissolved, but for the vigorous Application of her Majesty to bring it to pass, and preserve it.

But above all, it seems something needless to promise our Selves, *That the Allies may soon oblige France to agree to reasonable Conditions*, seeing that *France* declares already her Willingness to agree to such Conditions; and that therefore it is that her Majesty has express'd a Willingness to hearken to the Proposals

posals of a Treaty, resolving if such reasonable Conditions cannot be obtain'd, to push on the War with the utmost Vigour, till the Enemy may be reduc'd to comply: And to this End her Majesty has in her Speech to the Parliament, press'd the Dispatch of the necessary Supplies, resolving not to abandon the just Cause She is embark'd in, nor in the least to drop the true Interest of any of her Allies, but at the same time, if such Conditions may be obtain'd, as may be safe and honourable to her Majesty and her Allies, her Majesty may reasonably expect the Allies should not stand out, or resist the Opportunity Providence presents, of blessing *Europe* with a happy and a lasting Peace.

Postscript.

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